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### **UCAN Announces Retirement of CEO Shaun Pritchard**

Roseburg, Oregon – After years of outstanding service and leadership, UCAN's CEO, Shaun Pritchard, has retired as of May 19, 2025. UCAN is incredibly grateful for everything Shaun has accomplished during his 5+ years spent at one of Douglas and Josephine County's largest social service non-profits. Mr. Pritchard began at UCAN at a most demanding time, as a month into his position, all offices were closed in connection with the statewide COVID shutdown. Working closely with existing management, he was able to ensure that services continued to be offered throughout the shutdown.

Moreover, he oversaw the rollout of additional services needed to support local residents during this very difficult time. UCAN played a pivotal role supporting local health authorities, providing outreach and education regarding COVID to residents in Douglas County, and supporting those isolating with the illness in Josephine County. As the shutdown lifted, Shaun led efforts to address the on-going impacts of the Pandemic. This included oversight of record levels of rent and utility assistance.

Shaun also led efforts to address the homeless crisis impacting local communities. In coordination with City of Roseburg officials, UCAN opened a 24/7 homeless shelter, the Gary Leif Navigation Center (GLNC). The GLNC increased the County's shelter capacity, offering an additional 40 or so beds, while also serving as day service center in which partner agencies could offer their services on site.

Shaun also arranged to have UCAN oversee both a congregate shelter and a tiny home shelter in Grants Pass. He arranged to stand up emergency warming centers in both counties as well. Under his guidance, UCAN also stepped up to take on new services, including wildfire recovery in East Douglas County, veteran services in Klamath and Lake County, and a new, universal home visiting program for new moms in Douglas County.

Steve Loosley, UCAN's Board Chair, shares: "We are deeply grateful for Shaun's vision and steady guidance, and we wish him every happiness and fulfillment as he embarks on this next chapter in his life." Jordan Jungwirth will step in to serve as UCAN's Interim CEO at this time. Jordan has been serving as UCAN's Chief Operating Officer.

UCAN is the local community action and a non-profit agency serving Douglas and Josephine County and is dedicated to enhancing prosperity and well-being throughout our communities. Our programs and services address critical issues such as housing and homelessness, food security, energy efficiency, child development, family well-being, and health. Our mission is simple yet profound: "Creating

solutions to poverty, improving lives in our community." At UCAN, we envision a future where every resident we serve has access to the resources and opportunities necessary to realize their full social, civic, and economic potential. Our goal is to empower individuals to secure their lives and actively participate in building stronger communities. Learn more at [www.ucanap.org](http://www.ucanap.org).